

Discharge home

We recommend you contact the wards if you have any concerns.

A follow up appointment will be sent out to you in the post.

What to do if you have a problem

If you notice any of the following:

- Vision Problems.
- Uncontrollable pain (Pain not controlled with regular pain relief.)
- If your child becomes unwell with a temperature and/or vomiting.
- Anything else which you are concerned with after this operation

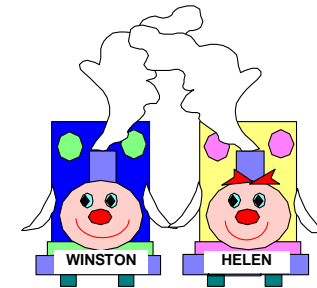
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Correction of a Squint

Patient information leaflet

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Reasons for the Procedure

A squint occurs when the nerves and muscles controlling the eye movements pull the eye inwards or outwards. Your child's eyes may appear to look in different directions.

Nature of the Procedure

A squint is corrected under a general anaesthetic and can usually be done as a day case. The muscles are moved so that they are strengthened or weakened, putting the eye in the correct position and allowing the eyes to look in the same direction.

Benefits of the Procedure

To make the appearance of the eyes look straight.

Risks of the Procedure

Every operation carries a risk of complications, but this is very small. These complications will be discussed with you before you sign the consent form. This is your opportunity to ask the surgeon any questions you may have about the operation.

Discomforts of the Procedure

After an anaesthetic your child could:

- Feel sick and vomit
- Have a headache
- Have a sore throat or feel dizzy.

These effects are short-lived.

There is often some pain after the operation. This can be relieved by taking simple pain relieving medicines such as paracetamol and ibuprofen.

When your child arrives back on the ward the affected eye may appear bloodshot. This is normal and will disappear in a few days.

After Discharge

Once your child is fully awake and has had something to eat she/he will be able to go home.

At home your child will have some discomfort. You will need to give your child regular pain relief

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